



## ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 12/07/2015 INCIDENT TIME: 0730  
INCIDENT LOCATION: McCamus Rd. in Brookston, MN

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: Joseph Leo Zak Age: 34 Address: Brookston, MN

Name: : Age: Address:

### INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On December 7th 2015, staff at a group home in Brookston, MN reported Joseph L. Zak had absconded from the home. Joseph is still missing. Joseph is an autistic vulnerable adult who has lived at the home for several years. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is now the lead agency for this investigation.

Joseph is 6 feet tall and 325lbs. He had just shaved his beard before departing on Dec 7th. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and Volunteer Rescue Squad will be conducting a ground search that is currently being coordinated. Anyone having information on Joseph's whereabouts is urged to call the Sheriff's Office Investigation Division at 218-336-4350

### ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Fond du Lac Tribal Police Dept.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

Please note: Joseph's family has created a public group on Facebook titled, "Missing Person: Joseph Zak" See this page for the latest details, including a volunteer search Joseph's family is preparing on Tuesday Jan 19, 2016 in the Brookston area. The volunteer public ground search is being conducted with the approval of the Sheriff's Office.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Wade Rasch DATE: 1/17/2016 TIME: 1530